Agriculture, U.S. Department of

APHIS, Plant Protection & Quarantine 920 Main Campus Dr., Suite 150, Raleigh, NC 27606 Tel. (919) 855-7600

Functions: Safeguards agriculture and natural resources from the risks associated with the entry, establishment, or spread of animal and plant pests and noxious weeds. Fulfillment of its safeguarding role ensures an abundant, high-quality, and varied food supply, strengthens the marketability of U.S. agriculture in domestic and international commerce, and contributes to the preservation of the global environment.

Low-Country Area—Marjorie Bestwick, Supvr., Plant Health Safeguarding Specialist, 4600 Goer Dr., Suite 104, N. Charleston 29406, Tel. (843) 480-4334; Midlands Area—Tel. (803) 239-6513; Pee Dee Area—137 Airport Court, Suite F, Mullins 29574, Tel. (843) 423-5351; Upstate Area—Tel. (864) 346-4410

S.C. State Plant Health Dir. DEBORAH J. STEWART

USDA-APHIS

Veterinary Services 9600 Two Notch Rd., Suite 10, Columbia 29223 Tel. (803) 462-2910

Function: To protect and improve the health, quality, and marketability of our nation's animals, animal products, and veterinary biologics by preventing, controlling, and/or eliminating animal diseases, and by monitoring and promoting animal health and productivity.

Area Veterinarian in Charge . . . DR. DELORIAS M. LENARD

Farm Service Agency 1927 Thurmond Mall, Suite 100, Columbia 29201-2375 Tel. (803) 806-3830

The Farm Service Agency (FSA) is equitably serving all farmers, ranchers, and partners through the delivery of efficient agricultural programs. FSA is a customer-driven agency that provides a market-oriented, economically and environmentally-sound American agriculture; delivering an abundant, safe, and affordable food and fiber supply while sustaining quality agricultural communities for the future of South Carolina agriculture. The foundation of FSA's mission and vision rests upon the

long-standing core values of strong ethics, customer service, teamwork, inclusive decision-making, and fiscal responsibility. The S.C. Farm Service Agency is a division of the U.S. Department of Agriculture and has 34 county offices. Each county office is governed by a farmer-elected county committee. Each of these county committees is governed by the State FSA committee that oversees and supervises all county operations. These programs are: directed and guaranteed Farm Operating and Farm Ownership Loans, Conservation and Emergency Loans, Marketing Assistance Loans, Milk Income Loss Contract, Farm Storage Facility Loans, Tobacco Transition Payments, Direct and Counter Cyclical Payments, Conservation Reserve Program, Emergency Conservation Program, Non-insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program, Biomass Crop Assistance Program, and Emergency Forestry Restoration Program.

USDA-National Agricultural Statistics Service Field Office Strom Thurmond Fed. Bldg. 1835 Assembly St., Room 1008 Columbia 29201, Tel. (803) 765-5333 http://www.nass.usda.gov/sc

Functions: To collect and publish data on the acreage, yield, production, and value of crops; livestock inventory numbers and poultry production, including value of farm production and marketing; prices received and paid by farmers for farm commodities and production inputs; basic farm production expenditures; and number of farms and land in farms.

State Statistician EDWARD WELLS

USDA Forest Service Forest Headquarters 4931 Broad River Rd., Columbia 29212-3530 Tel. (803) 561-4000

District Ranger Offices at Mountain Rest, Edgefield, Whitmire, Union, and Huger. Functions: Administers the Francis Marion and Sumter National Forests comprising 630,727 acres within

the State of S.C. for multiple resource management—soil and water, wildlife, recreation, and timber. Cooperates with the State Forestry Commission, State Department of Natural Resources, and Parks, Recreation and Tourism.

Forest Supvr. John Richard Lint
Fire, Lands & Minerals J. R. (Red) Anderson
Heritage, Interpretive & Educ.
Recreation & Engineering Tony White
Natural Resources H. Scott Ray
GIS, Planning & Public Affairs Michelle Burnett

USDA Rural Development Strom Thurmond Fed. Bldg. 1835 Assembly St., Suite 1007 Columbia 29201 Tel. (803) 765-5163

The Rural Development mission is to help rural Americans to improve the quality of their lives. Rural Development programs are administered through USDA's network of State, Area, and sub area offices. Rural Development also helps rural communities meet their basic needs by: building water and wastewater systems, financing decent affordable housing, supporting electric power and rural businesses—including cooperatives and supporting community development with information and technical assistance. Rural Development work is focused in the following areas that report to the Under Secretary for Rural Development: Business Programs including cooperative development and technical assistance, plus other business development programs; Housing Programs including rural housing programs as well as rural community loan programs; and Utilities Programs, including telephone and electric programs along with water and sewer programs. There are 10 full-time area offices in the State.

Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Strom Thurmond Fed. Bldg. 1835 Assembly St., Room 950 Columbia 29201, Tel. (803) 253-3935

NRCS assists landowners in conserving, improving, and sustaining South Carolina's natural resources. Working in cooperation with the State's 46 conservation districts, the agency provides one-on-one technical assistance to agricultural and urban based individuals and communities. Practical technology and good science are at the heart of conserving our natural resources. For NRCS, this includes soil surveys, which provide detailed information on soil capabilities and a Geographic Information System, which shows the interaction of various elements of the environment, NRCS also has a variety of conservation programs that assist landusers, such as Resource Conservation and Development, PL-566 Small Watershed Program, Plant Materials Program, Environmental Quality Incentives Program, Wetlands Reserve Program, Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program, the Conservation Security Program, and the Farm and Ranch Protection Program. Asst. State Conservationist for Operations . . . Dennis Mobley Asst. State Conservationist for Progs. Kellee Melton

 State Admin. Off.
 Margie Onstad

 State Conservation Engineer
 Eric Fleming

 State Soil Scientist
 Pamela Thomas

 State Public Affairs Specialist
 Amy Overstreet

 State Resource Conservationist
 Evelyn Whitesides

(U.S. Department of Justice)

Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF), Bureau of

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF) investigates violations of federal laws, which include federal firearm laws (firearms trafficking, illegal possession by prohibited persons), federal explosive and arson laws (bombings, arson for profit, church fires), and alcohol and tobacco cases that involve smuggling and tax evasion.

Columbia Field Off., Strom Thurmond Fed. Bldg., 1835
Assembly St., Room 309, Columbia 29201, Matthew Long,
Resident Agent in Charge, Tel. (803) 251-4600; Florence
Satellite Off., 401 W. Evans St., Room 209, Florence 29501,
Tel. (843) 292-0179; Charleston Field Off., One Poston Rd.,
Suite 325, Charleston 29407, Scott Perala, Resident Agent
in Charge, Tel. (843) 763-3683; Greenville Field Off., 301
N. Main St., Suite 1802, Greenville 29601, Michael Dixon,
Resident Agent in Charge, Tel. (864) 282-2937; for questions
involving Federal Firearms Licenses or Federal Explosives Licenses Industry Operations, Tel. (803) 251-4640

Commerce, U.S. Department of

International Trade Administration

Columbia U.S. Export Assistance Center (EAC)
1705 College St., Suite 607

Columbia 29208, Tel. (803) 777-2571

Charleston U.S. EAC-5300 1362 McMillan Ave., Suite 100 N. Charleston 29405, Tel. (843) 746-3404

Upstate U.S. EAC-555

Buck Mickel Center, 216 S. Pleasantburg Dr., Suite 243 Greenville 29606, Tel. (864) 250-8429

The offices promote U.S. exports and provide focal points of contact between the units of the International Trade Administration and the business public. They deal directly with businesses to identify and develop export markets and find solutions to export-related problems.

Dir. DORETTE COETSEE

Economic Development Administration Strom Thurmond Fed. Bldg. 1835 Assembly St., Room 1075 Columbia 29201, Tel. (803) 253-3640

The S.C. office provides field services to local and state public bodies and officials concerned with EDA activities and serves as a liaison with the Atlanta Regional Office in Atlanta, Ga. EDA was established under the Public Works and Economic Dev. Act, 1965, to aid areas which are behind in national prosperity levels. Grants and technical assistance to help

communities provide services that make areas attractive to job-generating private industry are forms of EDA aid.

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration National Weather Service

Provides a comprehensive weather service to S.C. including systematic weather observations, weather reporting, weather forecasts, hazardous weather warning, and climatological service. Also provides meteorological support to aviation, agriculture, forestry, and marine interests. Maintains a river reporting and flood forecast warning service for the rivers in or flowing into S.C. The National Weather Service offices which serve S.C. are located in Greer, Columbia, Charleston, and Wilmington, N.C. Each office is assigned a portion of the State as its local service area and also has warning responsibility for portions of adjacent states covered by their doppler radars. The special functions are assigned to specific offices as required.

National Weather Service Offices

Columbia—2909 Aviation Way, West Columbia 29170-2102, Tel. (803) 822-8038, Kimberly Campbell, Meteorologist in Charge.

Charleston—5777 S. Aviation Ave., Charleston 29406, Tel. (843) 744-0303, Michael Emlaw, Meteorologist in Charge.

Greenville-Spartanburg—1549 GSP Dr., Greer 29651, Tel. (864) 848-3859, Larry Gabric, Meteorologist in Charge.

Wilmington, N.C.—2015 Gardner Dr., Wilmington, N.C. 28405, Tel. (910) 762-4289, Michael Caropolo, Meteorologist in Charge.

NOAA/National Geodetic Survey S.C. Geodetic Liason

5.C. Geodetic Liason 5 Geology Rd., Columbia 29210, Tel. (803) 896-7715

The National Geodetic Survey is responsible for developing and maintaining a network of high accuracy benchmarks for the nation, known as the National Spatial Reference System (NSRS). The NSRS is composed of approximately 1,000,000 survey control monuments, of which 17,000 are located in S.C. The NSRS provides the foundation for the state-mandated

S.C. State Plane Coordinate System used to create state and county maps and geographic information systems. Geodetic Coordinator MATT WELLSLAGER matt.wellslager@rfa.sc.gov Homeland Security, Department of ICE, Homeland Security Investigations Resident Agent in ChargePATRICK B. McDAVID 3950 Faber Place Dr., 3rd Floor North Charleston 29405 Tel. (843) 746-8900 1835 Assembly St., Room 358 Columbia 29201 Tel. (803) 748-4536 Resident Agent in Charge ... CHRISTOPHER M. MURPHY 301 N. Main St., Suite 1401 Greenville 29601 Tel. (864) 235-0519 **Customs & Border Protection Department of Homeland Security** Area Port of Charleston (Service) 200 E. Bay St., Charleston 29401 Port Dir.ROBERT A. FENCEL, Tel. (843) 579-6500 Asst. Port Dir., Tactical . . . Joanne Fogg, Tel. (843) 579-6508 Asst. Port Dir., Trade . . . Brenda Gibson, Tel. (843) 579-6504 Port of Georgetown 1324 Dock St., Georgetown 29442 Tel. (843) 916-0438 Port of Myrtle Beach 1100 Jetport Rd., Myrtle Beach 29577

Port of Greenville
150-A W. Phillips Rd., Greer 29650

Port Dir:WAYNE HENSON, Tel. (864) 877-8006

Tel. (843) 916-0438

Port of Columbia 2533-A Airport Blvd., West Columbia 29170

Port Dir. JERRY WILSON, Tel. (803) 822-5251

Federal Bureau of Investigation

(U.S. Department of Justice) Div. Office: 151 Westpark Blvd., Columbia 29210-3857 Tel. (803) 551-4200, Fax (803) 551-4324

Dir:ROBERT S. MUELLER III, Washington, D.C. Special Agent in ChargeDavid A. Thomas Asst. Special Agents in ChargeA. Ann Colbert Douglas Hemminghaus

Resident agents of the FBI in the S.C. cities listed below operate under the supervision of the Division Office. In case of emergency, if no answer at numbers listed below, call Columbia Office.

Tel. (803) 327-1151

Federal Court

Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit Office of the Clerk 1100 E. Main St., Suite 501

Richmond, VA 23219-3517, Tel. (804) 916-2700

Chief Judge—William B. Traxler, Jr., Greenville Circuit Judges—Dennis W. Shedd, Columbia; Henry F. Floyd, Spartanburg Senior Circuit Judge—Clyde H. Hamilton, Columbia Clerk—Patricia S. Connor

District of South Carolina

U.S. District Court, District of South Carolina 901 Richland St., Columbia 29201-2431 Tel. (803) 765-5816

Sessions of District Court are scheduled on order of the Court.

- Dist. Judges—Terry L. Wooten, Chief Judge, Columbia; Joseph F. Anderson, Jr., Columbia; David C. Norton, Charleston; R. Bryan Harwell, Florence; Richard M. Gergel, Charleston; J. Michelle Childs, Greenville; Timothy M. Cain, Anderson; Mary Geiger Lewis, Spartanburg; Bruce Howe Hendricks, Greenville
- Senior Judges—Sol Blatt, Jr., Charleston; C. Weston Houck, Charleston; G. Ross Anderson, Jr., Anderson; Henry M. Herlong, Jr., Greenville; Patrick Michael Duffy, Charleston; Margaret B. Seymour, Columbia; Cameron McGowan Currie. Columbia
- Magistrates/Judges—Bristow Marchant, Charleston; Thomas
 E. Rogers III, Florence; Paige J. Gossett, Columbia; Shiva
 V. Hodges, Columbia; Kevin F. McDonald, Greenville;
 Jacquelyn D. Austin, Greenville; Kaymani D. West, Florence
- Clerk of Court—Robin L. Blume, Columbia, Tel. (803) 765-5816
 Div. Mgrs.—Robbie Shumate, Charleston; Peppa Caskey,
 Columbia; Susan Roberts, Florence; Kieron Campbell,
 Greenville
- Court Reporters—Charleston: Amy Diaz, Debbie Potocki; Columbia: Dan Mayo, Kathleen Richardson, Jenny Williams; Florence: Mary Schweinhagen, Ray Simmons; Greenville: Karen Martin
- U.S. Marshal Kelvin Washington, Columbia Chief Probation & Pretrial

United States Attorney's Office 1441 Main St., Suite 500 Columbia 29201, Tel. (803) 929-3000

Asst. U.S. Attys.—Columbia: Beth C. Drake (First Asst. U.S. Atty.), Jennifer Aldrich, Terri H. Bailey, J. Douglas Barnett, Barbara M. Bowens, Robert F. Daley, Jr., Stacey Haynes, Winston Holliday, James Leventis, Christie Newman, Dewayne Pearson, John Potterfield, Marshall Prince, Stan Ragsdale, John D. Rowell, Jane Taylor, Francis Trapp, Nancy C. Wicker, William K. Witherspoon, Anne Hunter Young, Jim May, Beth Warren, William E. Day, Jimmie Ewing, Jay Richardson; Charleston: Lee Berlinsky, R. Nicholas Bianchi, John H. Douglas, M. Rhett DeHart, A. Sean Kittrell, Matthew Modica, Peter Phillips, Dean Secor, Nathan S. Williams, Eric Klumb; Florence: Alfred Wm. Bethea, Brad Parham; Greenville: Max Cauthen, George J. Conits, Lance Crick, Carrie A. Fisher-Sherard, E. Jean Howard, William C. Lucius, David C. Stephens, Leesa Washington, Andy Moorman, Bill Watkins, Jamie Schoen

U.S. Bankruptcy Court J. Bratton Davis U.S. Bankruptcy Courthouse 1100 Laurel St., Columbia 29201 Tel. (803) 765-5436 www.scb.uscourts.gov

Chief Judge ... David R. Duncan Judges ... Helen Elizabeth Burris

John E. Waites
Clerk of Court ... Laura Austin

U.S. Trustee (Department of Justice) 1835 Assembly St., Suite 953 Columbia 29201, Tel. (803) 765-5250

The U.S. Trustee appoints and supervises bankruptcy trustees, monitors and supervises the administration of bankruptcy cases, and has standing to raise, appear, and be heard on issues in bankruptcy cases. Region 4 includes the states of Md., S.C., Va. and W. Va., and the Dist. of Cola.

Housing and Urban Development, Department of

Columbia Field Office 1835 Assembly St., Columbia 29201 Tel. (803) 765-5592

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) was established by Act of Congress in 1965. HUD maintains a field office in Columbia which has jurisdiction over HUD programs in S.C.

Field Off. Dir	LARRY KNIGHTNER
<i>Admin. Off.</i>	Douglas Bouknight
Dir. of Fair Housing	Patricia Green
Dir. of Comm. Planning & Dev	Brad Evatt
Dir. of Multifamily Housing	
Dir. of Off. of Public Housing	Eric Bickley
Lead Housing Specialist, Producti	ton William Snelling

Interior, Department of the Fish and Wildlife Service

Regional Office, Southeast Region 1875 Century Blvd., Atlanta, GA 30345 Tel. (404) 679-4000

S.C. Lowcountry Refuge Complex

(Cape Romain, E. F. Hollings ACE Basin, Santee, and Waccamaw National Wildlife Refuges) 5801 Hwy. 17 North, Awendaw 29429-5908 Tel. (843) 928-3264, Fax (843) 928-3803

Cape Romain National Wildlife Refuge 5801 Hwy. 17 North, Awendaw 29429 Tel. (843) 928-3264

Ernest F. Hollings ACE Basin National Wildlife Refuge P.O. Box 848, Hollywood 29449 Tel. (843) 889-3084		
Refuge Mgr		
Santee National Wildlife Refuge 2125 Fort Watson Rd., Summerton 29148 Tel. (803) 478-2217		
Refuge Mgr		
Waccamaw National Wildlife Refuge 21424 N. Fraser St., Georgetown 29440 Tel. (843) 527-8069		
Refuge Mgr		
Carolina Sandhills National Wildlife Refuge (4 miles northeast of McBee, On U.S. Hwy. No. 1) 23734 U.S. Hwy. 1, McBee 29101 Tel. (843) 335-8350		
Refuge Mgr		
Savannah Coastal Refuges 694 Beech Hill Lane, Hardeeville 29927 (includes Pinckney Island and Savannah in S.C.) Tel. (843) 784-2468		
Project Leader		
U.S. Geological Survey 720 Gracern Rd.—Suite 129 Columbia 29210-7651, Tel. (803) 750-6100 www.usgs.gov		
Provides scientific information on water and geologic resources of S.C. Collects data on streamflow, lake and ground-water levels, and water quality. Conducts scientific studies of quantity, quality, movement, and use of water, including geochemical and microbial mechanisms. Dir		
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Division of Law Enforcement 176 Croghan Spur, Suite 200, Charleston 29407		

Fisheries

Bears Bluff National Fish Hatchery

Hatchery Mgr.—Kent Ware, 7030 Bears Bluff Rd., Wadmalaw Island 29487

Orangeburg National Fish Hatchery

Hatchery Mgr.—Willie Booker, 427 Lakeview Dr., Hwy. 21 Bypass, Orangeburg 29115

Ecological Services

Charleston Ecological Services Office

Field Supvr.—Jay Herrington, 176 Croghan Spur, Suite 200, Charleston 29407

National Park Service

Southeast Field Area

Congaree National Park—Richland County

Supt.—Tracy Swartout, 100 National Park Rd., Hopkins 29061-9118

Cowpens National Battlefield—Cherokee County

Supt.—Timothy Stone, P.O. Box 308, Chesnee 29323

Fort Sumter National Monument—Charleston County Supt.—Bob Dodson, 1214 Middle St., Sullivan's Island 29482

Kings Mountain National Military Park—York County

Supt.—Erin K. Broadbent, 2625 Park Rd., Blacksburg 29702

Ninety Six National Historic Site—Greenwood County Supt.—Timothy Stone, P.O. Box 496, 1103 Hwy. 248, Ninety Six 29666

Internal Revenue Service

(North and South Carolina District) 320 Federal Place, Greensboro, NC 27401 Tel. (336) 378-2059

Charged with the enforcement of all Internal Revenue laws (except Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms).

Dist. Dir	ELLEN M. CIMAGLIA
Chief, Examination Div	Sally Longnecker
Chief, Collection/Taxpayer Serv.	Div A. L. Hoosier
Communications Off	Beth Ward
N.C. Taxpayer Advocate	Jackie Bracey
S.C. Taxpayer Advocate	Michael W. Quinn

Labor, U.S. Department of

Office of Apprenticeship Strom Thurmond Fed. Bldg. 1835 Assembly St., Room 838 Columbia 29201, Tel. (803) 765-5547

Office of Apprenticeship (OA) Representatives assist business & industry in the development of standards of employment and training in accordance with Public Law 308. 75th Congress under which apprentices are trained. The Office's functions also include developing voluntary training programs for all employed workers, both journeymen and apprentices, and the promotion and development of skill improvement systems in industry, as well as all occupations essential to National Defense. The OA is also responsible for promotion and attainment of equal opportunity in apprenticeship and training according to Title 29 CFR, Part 30; expansion of apprenticeship opportunities; improvement and maintenance of apprenticeship programs; general promotion and public relations certification of registered apprenticeship programs for veterans training under Public Law 90-77; and certification of registered apprenticeship programs and apprentices on Federal construction to meet the requirements of Title 29 CFR, Part 5, 5a.

Personnel

State Dir.—Charles F. Vaughan, Strom Thurmond Fed. Bldg.,
1835 Assembly St., Room 838, Columbia 29201, Tel. (803)
765-5547

Apprenticeship & Training Asst. Cora S. Byas

Wage and Hour Division Strom Thurmond Fed. Bldg. 1835 Assembly St., Room 1072

Columbia 29201, Toll-Free Tel. (866) 487-9243

This agency is charged with the enforcement of Federal child labor laws, minimum wage and overtime laws, and other pertinent Federal statutes.

Dist. Dir. JAMIE BENEFIEL
Asst. Dist. Dir. Kwang Park
Investigators: Columbia—Charnita Patterson, Rowland Harley,
Rosa Fay, Luis Medina, Jason Husband, Jaquanna Jackson; Florence—George Gagne; Greenville—Victor Alvarez;
Charleston—Jason Coker, Keira Ellis, Jose Garcia

Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs Strom Thurmond Fed. Bldg. 1835 Assembly St., Room 608 Columbia 29201, Tel. (803) 251-4680

This agency is responsible for insuring that contractors with the Federal government do not discriminate in their employment practices and take affirmative action to overcome the vestiges and results of past discriminatory employment practices. The mandates under which the agency carries out its compliance responsibilities are: Executive Order 11246, which prohibits employment discrimination, and requires affirmative action, in relation to race, sex, color, religion, and national origin: Sec. 503 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, with similar prohibitions and requirements relative to disabled persons; and the Vietnam Era Veterans Readiustment Assistance Act of 1974 (38 USC 4212), affording like protections and provisions for certain categories of veterans. In addition to carrying out its enforcement responsibilities through compliance reviews and complaint investigations, the agency also provides technical assistance to contractors and others regarding its programs and requirements.

Veterans Employment and Training Service 631 Hampton St., Suite 141, Box 1755, Columbia 29202 Tel. (803) 737-7649

Veterans Employment and Training Service is under the U.S. Department of Labor. One duty of this office is being functionally responsible for the supervision of the registration of eligible veterans in local S.C. Department of Employment and Workforce for suitable types of employment and training and also for counseling and placement of eligible veterans in employment and job training programs.

Dir. of Veterans Employment THOMAS G. FISHER

U.S. Postal Inspection Service, Charlotte Division

P.O. Box 3000, Charlotte, N.C. 28228-3000 Tel. (877) 876-2455

Charleston Domicile

7075 Cross County Rd., Charleston 29418 P.O. Box 40307, Charleston 29423-0307 Tel. (877) 876-2455

Postal Inspectors T. J. Gasser, L. R. Moody

Columbia Domicile 1601 Assembly St., Columbia 29201 P.O. Box 1796, Columbia 29202-1796 Tel. (877) 876-2455

Resident Agent in Charge Steven C. Stebbins M. A. Campbell, L. Paul King, Michael Rogers

Greenville Domicile 600 Washington St., Greenville 29602 P.O. Box 1568, Greenville 29602-1568 Tel. (877) 876-2455

Postal Inspectors R. P. Carter, S. B. Momon M. E. Nicholson

As one of our country's oldest federal law enforcement agencies, the U.S. Postal Inspection Service has a long, proud, and successful history of fighting criminals who attack our nation's postal system and misuse it to defraud, endanger, or otherwise threaten the American public. As the primary law enforcement

arm of the U.S. Postal Service, the U.S. Postal Inspection Service is a highly specialized, professional organization performing investigative and security functions essential to a stable and sound postal system.

Through its security and enforcement functions, the Postal Inspection Service provides assurance to American businesses for the safe exchange of funds and securities through the U.S. Mail; to postal customers of the "sanctity of the seal" in transmitting correspondence and messages; and to postal employees of a safe work environment.

Small Business Administration, U.S. Strom Thurmond Fed. Bldg., 1835 Assembly St. Suite 1425, Columbia 29201 Tel. (803) 765-5377, Fax (803) 765-5962 www.sba.gov

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), an independent agency of the federal government, aids, counsels, assists, and protects the interests of small business concerns. SBA offers business education and training; referral counseling; financial assistance through loan guaranty programs; procurement opportunities and minority enterprise development programs to the public on a nondiscriminatory basis.

Social Security Administration S.C. Area Director Office 401 W. Peachtree St., NW, Atlanta, GA 30308 Tel. (803) 667-5853

Social Security offices in S.C. administer the Federal program of Retirement, Survivors and Disability Insurance, Medicare, Supplemental Security Income, and bring the services and activities of the Social Security Administration to wage earners, claimants, beneficiaries, employers, and other interested parties. The functions of these offices include particularly the issuance of Social Security account numbers, the development of claims for benefits, and the supplying of information concerning the Retirement, Survivors and Disability Insurance, Medicare Programs, and Supplemental Security Income to needy aged, blind, and disabled low income individuals.

Area Dir. for S.C.	HOWARD E. BOWLES
Dep. Area Dir	Ellen Hall
Area Admin. Asst	Shawn Glanville
Area Systems Coordinator	Michael Elliott
Area Operations Analyst	Michelle Yeargin

District Managers of Social Security Offices

Aiken—Carlos Nieto; Anderson—Thomas Culbreth; Beaufort— Harry Scott; Bennettsville—John Trueluck; Charleston— Teresa Murphy; Clinton/Laurens—Robert Turner; Columbia— Arnold Miller; Conway—Matt Staley; Florence—Janet Spry; Georgetown—Debra Darby; Greenville—Tony Lewis; Greenwood—Dana Jenkins; Orangeburg—Greg Branch; Rock Hill—LaWanda Smith-McCray; Spartanburg—Kathleen Mika; Sumter—Blake Groomes; Walterboro—Victoria Vacchelli

Disability Adjudication and Review, Office of

Administrative Law Judges have final authority relating to the holding of hearings, the rendition of decisions, and the review of decisions in connection with administrative appeals from determinations made under Titles II, XVI & XVIII of the Social Security Act, as amended, and Title IV of the Federal Coal Mine Health & Safety Act of 1969.

Columbia Office Suite 200, 1927 Thurmond Mall Blvd. Columbia 29201. Tel. (866) 399-6950

Admin. Law Judges—Frederick W. Christian, John Randolph Martin, E. Lee Morgan, William F. Pope, Arthur L. Conover, Frances W. Williams, Walter C. Herin, Jr.

Charleston Office

3875 Faber Place Dr., Suite 300, N. Charleston 29405 Tel. (843) 727-4511

Admin. Law Judges—Edward T. Morriss, Richard L. Vogel, Roseanne Gudzon, Nichole Forbes-Schmitt, Regina Warren, Thomas Henderson, Linda Haack, Marcus Christ, Augustus Martin

Hearing Off. Chief Admin. Law Judge-James Scott

Greenville Office 300 University Ridge, Suite 200, Greenville 29601 Tel. (864) 242-9154

Admin. Law Judges—Ivar Avots, Paul C. Armitage, Thomas F. Batson, George J. Spidel, Gregory Wilson (HOCALT), Harold Chambers, Juliana Heaton, Alice Jordan, Steve Lamb, Ann Paschall

Transportation, U.S. Department of

Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) 1835 Assembly St., Suite 1270, Columbia 29201 Tel. (803) 765-5411

The Federal Highway Administration is the key Federal agency in S.C. for highway transportation issues. The mission of the FHWA is to improve mobility on our nation's highways through National Leadership, Innovation, and Program Delivery. To accomplish this mission, the agency has developed a four-goal Strategic Plan. The four goals involve improvements in the following areas: National Leadership, System Performance, Program Delivery, and Corporate Capacity, The FHWA has Division offices located in all 50 states as well as the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. Each FHWA division is led by a Division Administrator and administers the Federal-aid Highway Program, The FHWA South Carolina Division partners with the S.C. Department of Transportation (SCDOT). S.C. Department of Public Safety, metropolitan planning organizations, and other Federal/State/local agencies or groups in the development of transportation projects and safety initiatives. During fiscal year 2014, over \$646,000,000 in Federalaid highway funds were made available to the State of S.C. for highway construction including the replacement of bridges. traffic control devices, roadway beautification, and congressionally designated projects. The FHWA South Carolina Division strives to remain a "Partner of Choice" rather than one required by Federal law. We pride ourselves in "Making What's Good—Even Better" in South Carolina.

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA)

1835 Assembly St., Suite 1253, Columbia 29201 Tel. (803) 765-5414

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) was created within U.S. Department of Transportation on Jan. 1, 2000, pursuant to the Motor Carrier Safety Act of 1999 [Public Law No. 106-159, 113 Stat. (Dec. 9, 1999)]. The FMCSA, formerly a part of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), is primarily responsible for establishing and enforcing safety and security requirements of motor carriers operations in interstate and foreign commerce. In addition, FMCSA has jurisdiction over hazardous material shippers, container manufacturers, and drums reconditioners. The FMCSR prescribe the qualification and hours of service for drivers, the reporting of accidents, inspections, drug and alcohol testing, and commercial driver licenses. FMCSA's focus includes targeting high-risk carriers, shippers, and commercial drivers, improving safety information systems and motor vehicles technologies, as well as to increase public awareness. To accomplish these activities, the Administration works with federal, state, and local enforcement agencies, the motor carrier industry, labor and safety interest groups, and others.

U.S. Secret Service Department of Homeland Security 107 Westpark Blvd., Suite 301, Columbia 29210 Tel. (803) 772-4015

The U.S. Secret Service is mandated by statute and executive order to carry out two significant missions: protection and criminal investigations. The Secret Service protects the President and Vice President, their families, heads of state, and other designated individuals; investigates threats against these protectees; protects the White House, Vice President's Residence, Foreign Missions, and other buildings within Washington, D.C.; and plans and implements security designs for designated National Special Security Events. The Secret Service also investigates violations of laws relating to counterfeiting of obligations and securities of the U.S.; financial

crimes that include, but are not limited to, access device fraud, financial institution fraud, identity theft, computer fraud; and computer-based attacks on our nation's financial, banking, and telecommunications infrastructure.

Special Agent in ChargeFELICIA R. RUDE

Department of Veterans Affairs National Cemeteries

The Beaufort National Cemetery was established in a letter signed by President Abraham Lincoln, February 10, 1863. The National Cemetery is operated by the Department of Veterans Affairs National Cemetery Administration for the interment of deceased active duty service men and women, veterans, and eligible dependents.

Beaufort National Cemetery 1601 Boundary St., Beaufort 29902, Tel. (843) 524-3925

The Beaufort National Cemetery is comprised of 44.1 acres of land. The cemetery is open for interments of casketed and cremated remains.

Florence National Cemetery 803 E. National Cemetery Rd., Florence 29506 Tel. (843) 669-8783

The Florence National Cemetery is comprised of 25 acres of land. The cemetery is open for interments of casketed remains and cremains.

Regional Counsel Area Office (02)

Dorn VA Medical Center 6439 Garners Ferry Rd., Columbia 29209 Tel. (803) 647-5839

The Regional Counsel Area Office provides legal services for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs installations in S.C.

Ralph H. Johnson Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center 109 Bee St., Charleston 29401-5799 Tel. (843) 577-5011

The mission of the Ralph H. Johnson Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center is to improve the health of the veteran population by providing primary, specialty and extended care, and related social support services through an integrated healthcare delivery system. The hospital has 119 operating beds including general medicine, surgery, neurology, and psychiatry beds in addition to a Nursing Home Care Unit. The VA is highly affiliated with the Medical University of S.C.

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The Wm. Jennings Bryan Dorn VA Medical Center (VAMC) opened in 1932 at its current location. Dorn VAMC is a 216 authorized bed facility (204 operating as of November 2012), which includes acute medical, surgical, psychiatric, and long-term care. The hospital provides primary, secondary, and some tertiary care. In Fiscal Year (FY) 2013, Dorn VAMC gained 2.8 percent in enrolled patients. In FY 2013, there were 75,813 unique patients including 6,381 female Veterans and 15,829 Veterans from the OIF/OEF/OND period of service. In FY 2013, there were 936,424 outpatient visits and 5,005 inpatients treated.

Dorn VAMC provides outpatient care through seven Community Based Outpatient Clinics (CBOC) located in South Carolina in the Upstate, Midlands, and Pee Dee areas of South Carolina. The seven CBOCs are located in Anderson, Florence, Greenville, Rock Hill, Orangeburg, Spartanburg, and Sumter. All clinics with the exception of Rock Hill are VA employee staffed. The Rock Hill CBOC opened on July 2, 2012, and a new Greenville VA Outpatient Clinic opened in

August 2013. All clinics have a mental health component available.

Dorn VAMC is a level 1C teaching hospital, providing a full range of patient care services, with state-of-the-art technology, education, and research. Comprehensive health care is provided through primary care, tertiary care, and long-term care in areas of medicine, surgery, psychiatry, physical medicine and rehabilitation, cardiology, neurology, oncology, dentistry, geriatrics, and extended care.

Dorn VAMC was accredited by The Joint Commission as recent as February 2013. It was only 1 of 20 hospitals in South Carolina and, for the third year in a row, a Top Performer on Key Quality Measures. Dorn VA is also accredited by the American College of Surgeons and the Commission on Accreditation for Rehabilitation Facilities. Laboratory and Pathology services are accredited by the Commission on Laboratory Accreditation of the College of American Pathologists.

Veterans Benefits Administration and the University of South Carolina School of Medicine are located on the campus of Dorn VAMC and there are 48 residency positions between the two institutions. Other affiliations are robust for training of nurses and allied health professions. Similarly, medical center leadership has active relationships with the Department of Defense at Fort Jackson and Shaw Air Force Base. TIMOTHY D. MaMIIDDY

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(VA) Outpatient Clinic 3510 Augusta Rd., Greenville 29605-1334 Tel. (864) 299-1600

The Clinic treats honorably discharged servicemen and women on an outpatient basis who are eligible under laws passed by Congress.

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Veterans Affairs Regional Office 6437 Garners Ferry Rd. Columbia 29209, Tel. (803) 647-2444 Toll Free Tel. 1-800-827-1000

The regional office grants benefits and services provided by law for veterans, their dependents, and beneficiaries within the State of S.C.; services, adjudicates claims, and awards disability and death compensation and pension; handles guardianship and fiduciary matters; guarantees loans for purchase or construction of homes; administers educational benefits for war orphans, veterans, and under certain conditions, wives and widows of 100% war-disabled veterans.

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